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RAIN AND FOG TONIGHT AND SATURDAY; WARMER.

'I'M INNOCENT,' SAYS

VOORHEES, INDICTED

ON PERJURY CHARGE

CHIFF KRUGER DIES **BIG NEW YORK FIRE**

Scores of Firemen Overcome Saving Lives of Seven Comrades Who Sought to Rescue Croker's Deputy From Fumes in Flooded Pit into Which He Had Toppled.

"GRAND OLD MAN OF DEPARTMENT" HAD BEGGED FOR DANGEROUS TASK THAT ENDED LONG CAREER

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.-In an effort to lessen the peril in which his men were placed, Deputy Fire Chief Charles W. Kruger, "the grand old man of the department." lost his life in a barning factory building, 215 Canal street, today and seven firemen were only saved from death by the bravery of their fellows

Elizabeth Avenue Lowered

or Elevated.

BILL FOR FRELINGHUYSEN

AVENUE RELIEF ALSO READY

Collisions at Both Points

Averted Recently Only by

Narrow Margins.

avenue. In this bill the Lehigh Valley

Several collisions between locomo

recently by narrow margins on both

crossings. A short time ago a trolley

of passengers, but no one was seri-

ously injured.

The fire had been brought partly un der control, but in the rear of the building, which was almost inaccessible, the blaze still burned stubbornly. Chief Croker had warmed his men to keep out of the building, which was an old one, and Kruger, with difficulty, obtained his permission to take seven men with him to try to find some way of getting at the fire with lines of hose from the rear.

While working his way cautiously through a cellar filled with smoke and gases, Kruger plunged through a trapdoor into a sub-beisement filled with water and fumes from broken gaspipes.

Grabbed Driver's Leg.

Hergenrother, the driver, who was a Kruger's heels, also slipped partly through the opening. The chief, drown ing in the sub-cellar pit, grabbed the driver's leg and cried:

ye me. Andy, sieve me. Stay there, and I will support myself by

holding on to you." Water which had been poured onto of six feet. Other firemen in the basement laid flat on their stomachs ground the hole. But none could reach Kruger.

"Hold on, chief. The men are coming with ropes and ladders." But the chief relaxed his grip and

When Battalion Chief Galvan. sprang into the sub-basement beside Kruger, he held to Hergenrother's leg Then firemen got hold of Galvan and with great effort managed to lift him were fighting off the effects of the gas

Croker's Frantie Graf.

When finally lifted out Kruger was There may have been a spark of life left in his body, but that and Pennsylvania Railroad companies is doubtful. They carried him out to are named as defendants. the street, where they took off their coats to make a bed for high. Doctors of the fire department and St. Vincent's Hospital went to work at once. Fire Chief Croker, who was a warm friend of Kruger, was almost car was struck by a train at the Eliza-

Fire Hero 36 Years. Kruger was 57 years old, and had been a member of the department for thirty-six years.

Farmer Has Not Been Seen for a Week-He Wrote Not to Worry.

GEORGE LENTZ'S FAMILY SEEKS NEWS OF HIM

North Arlington Truck Gardener Last Seen by His Son at Centre Market.

The mysterious absence of George Lentz, a prosperous, middle aged, truck gardener, of North Arlington, was made public today, after a search of nearly a week by relatives and friends to obtain some trace of him

Several days ago, it is said, he recelved about \$26,000 for twenty-six acres of land, purchased by the Newark Catholic diocese, part of the 203-acre plot intended for a cemetery. The last seen of him by his family was last Friday at noon. At that time he bade his son, Frederick, good-by in the Centre Market, in this city, after they had disposed of a load of garden truck. He said that he was going to see a local real estate dealer.

Wants Pennsylvania Tracks at He did not return that night. This worried his wife and family, and early the next morning they made inquiries of some of the neighbors. At noon Mrs. Lentz received a postal card from him, postmarked New York, upon which was

"I'm all right. Don't worry."
On Wednesday it is said that she re ceived a letter, also postmarked New York, written on a letter-head of a steamship company, advising her that he was going to parts unknown, and concluded with some advice regarding the disposition of some of the property. Mrs. Lentz is said to have consulted some of the neighbors for advice at the same time feeling confident that he would return.

A bill was filed today in chancery When the diocese purchased the land by Joseph Coult, special counsel for the from Mr. Lentz it included the house, city of Newark, asking for the abolish- and it is said that he made an arrange slipped back into the water, and his ment of the Pennsylvania Railroad ment to buy the house back and have almost frantic driver tried to follow grade crossing on Elizabeth avenue. It acre plot still left of his farm. To ass set forth in the bill that the crossing certain whether he had paid for the in its present committion is dangerous, house, Borough Collector Frank Eckand the complainant asks that the Mrs. Lentz to Jersey City, where they ardt and John Paffendorf accompanied tracks be either elevated or lowered learned that the sale had not been summated.

Mrs. Lentz, when seen today, ex-A similar bill is to be filed shortly pressed confidence in her husband to noon. Detectives were sent to search for him. by the city asking for the abolishment that extent that she believed he would of the grade crossing on Frelinghuysen return home.

"He has a good home here and good children," said she, "and there was not suffered considerably lately with setives and street cars have been averted spells he might have decided to go recently by narrow margins on both away for a rest, as he had talked of going to Florida for a few weeks." Their son Fred told how he had accompanied his parent to this city and splintered and strewn along the tracks actions.

for a short distance. The car was full for the past twelve years, and at the formation of the borough was elected He ran twice against Mayor George Bayliss, but was defeat-

FORMER GOVERNOR VOORHEES INDICTEI



SNOW, ACCUSED OF \$154,000 SHORTAGE ESCAPES THE POLICE

Former New York and New Jersey Telephone Treasurer Indicted on Specific Charge of Stealing \$30,000 From Company to Recoup Speculative Losses.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.-Henry S. Snow, who was forced to resign as treasurer of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company because of alleged discrepancies of \$154,000 in his accounts with the company, the Grand Jury today indicted him for grand larceny. The police, who have had Mr. Snow under surveillance all this week, watched his home in Brooklyn all night to make sure that he did not disappear, but when they tried to serve a warrant today they learned he had not been home since yesterday after-

The bench warrant was based on the allegation that \$30,000 worth of bonds, which he had purchased for the tele-The bench warrant was based on the a happier family anywhere. He has allegation that \$30,000 worth of bonds. vere headaches, and in one of those phone company's sinking fund, are missing.

Friends to Rescue.

Mr. Snow's friends are said to have promised to come to his aid and make beth crossing, and the rear platform had observed nothing strange in his good obligations said to have been incurred by speculating in Wall Street. Mr. Lentz has resided in the borough | The statement that there is a discrepancy thus far shown of \$154,000 is said to have been made by James Robb, secretary to President U. N. Bethell.

Company's Statement. On behalf of the company this state-

ment was made: "Mr. Snow made use of stock which he certified as full paid for purposes of making loans. He had subscribed for of Henry V. Massey, of Philadelphia, stock he arranged and negotiated loans.

The sum involved here is about \$120,000.

Co. The order is returnal State House next Tuesday. Some of the bonds purchased for the

ing bonds of the company.

DELAYED BY DENSE FOG.

come to a decision in the matter.'

Behind Schedule-Even Trains Held Up.

morning for the completion of the thorized. Thomas Russo, of Garfield, cut by Hudson River tunnel and the boring H. Sliverman organized the New Yorkof additional tubes. The ferries, in Philadelphia Company, and acquired John Marino, of Garfield, face and many instances, were half an hour or the stock of the Trenton and more behind their schedules. It was Brunswick Railway, the New Jersey the heaviest fog of the winter.

One Jersey Central ferryboat, leaving West Shore and Lackawanna were slow

sack meadows.

Former Governor of New Jersey Emphatically Disclaims That He Certified Report of Bankers' Life Insurance Company With Knowledge of Wrongdoing or Intent to Deceive. SAYS HE WILL APPEAR WITH BONDSMEN AND LAWYERS AND NOT AWAIT EXTRADITION

DISCLAIM all intention of wrongdoing or criminal intent and I shall welcome investigation of the charges against me to the fullest extent," declared former Governor Foster M. Voorhees today when asked for a statement in regard to his indictment by a New York city grand jury for perjury in connection with hiz administration as president of the Bankers' Insurance Company, of that city.

This statement was made in the former Governor's suite of law offices in the Union County Trust Company building at Elizabeth, of which institution

The Grand Jury, Sitting in Jersey City, Hears Many Witnesses.

STRONG CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, SAYS VICKERS

Prosecutor Declares Only Clearly Proven Alibi Will Save the Prisoner.

[Special to the Evening Star.]

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 14.—The Grand Jury, now in session, is expected to return indictments today against Theo-Whitmore, whose wife, Helena, was found murdered in Lampblack Swamp, near Harrison, December 26

Chief of Police Michael Rodgers, Policeman Andrew Walsh, Town Clerk Edward P. Walsh and Police Judge Joseph M. Branegan, all of Harrison, were in Jersey City today to tell the grand jurors what they know of the

In all, fifteen witnesses received summonses to appear before the Grand Jury. Their testimony, Prosecutor Vickers declares, fixes the crime upon Whitmore so inevitably that the Grand

at this time," said the prosecutor, "but presented him by cierks or heads of de-\$1,750,000 Traction Concern the Grand Jury will tell a story that the Grand Jury will tell a story that cannot fail to result in Whitmore's being held for trial.

that Whitmore must prove a clear alibi the company. to escape conviction.

The Grand Jury is to hear the stories virtue of his place in the company he today granted an order to show cause son, to whom it is alleged that Whit- tent." was the former Governor's most was able to arrange matters so the why a receiver should not be appointed certificates made it appear that the for the Camden and Trenton Railway prior to the tragic death of his wife; he had nothing further to say, except that already he has received numerous tis, a Bowery character, who was offers of bondsmen and the best of legal taken into custody by the Harrison talent. "Some of the bonds purchased for the company by Mr. Snow for the sinking fund cannot be found where they and that the company has been operpolice after he had identified the body should be. The sum of these is about ated for a long time at a loss which quent quarrels between the couple, and as president of the Bankers' Life In thirty thousand dollars. There is no has resulted in a floating indebtedness who had heard the accused threaten to surance Company of New York. The firegularity in the matter of outstandof \$20,000. Massey alleges that he is the left in the swann, and a special New York Grand Jury which g bonds of the company.

"It is impossible to say what action of the capital stock number of others, not excepting Miss has been investigating insurance comwill be taken in the case after the of the company, besides having control Emma Beiber, who is expected to tes-HACKENSACK, Feb. 14.—A head-on audit, which is now going on, has been and power of attorney for 349 other tify to the presence of the accused in

PRISON TO GOOD

London Suffragist Leader and Delegates Begin Six Weeks' Sentence.

LONDON, Feb. 14.-Mrs. Parkhurst, Insurance Company was in bad shape the organization who were arrested mons, all went to jall today for a term mitted to the State Insurance Depa

The former chief executive of New Jersey had just left a meeting of the Union County Trust Company when seen my an EVENING STAR reporter. "Well, really, I can't make any fur-

ther statement," added Mr. Voorhees, until I am notified of the sperific harges against me.'

"When are you going to New York o plead?" he was asked. "Not until I arrange for counsel and condsmen fully able to qualify in any amount. Then I must see Mr. Combes. We will probably appear together, and do not propose to go to New York before."

"But you will appear without requisition proceedings?

Extradition Not Necessary.

"Oh, certainly, and leven if I didn't Governor Fort would have no alternative but to honor the demand of Governor Hughes for my body. But all such embarrassment for Governor Fort will be avoided, as I fully intend to voluntarily appear and face whatever charges are brought against me."

"But you will first arrange for your

The former Governor laughed as his eyes twinkled as he replied: "I certainly do intend to be prepared for bail when I appear in New York, for the prospect of sojourning in the Tombs while my counsel hustled for

sureties satisfactory to the court does not appeal an alluring picture to me. Would it to you? There is no immediate hurry, as a few days will make no material difference in the matter." Then Mr. Voorhees entered into a discussion, interspersed with recollections of his term as Governor

Signed Many Papers, He Says. "I can't for the life of me see where an indictment was returned," he said, "but should know

"As president of the Bankers' Life, I signed many papers presented me by Maybe I signed the pasubordinates. Jury will have no alternative but to per concerning which the perjury hold him for the murder of his wife. charge is made, but, if so, I did not "We do not intend to present all the have any criminal intent. A president evidence we have against the prisoner of a concern daily signs many papers hose witnesess who will appear before partments, on the supposition the state-

"It has been hinted that you signed the statement about that \$20,000 pay "The case as it will be presented is ment of dividends to stockholders bepurely a circumstantial one. However, cause to admit it had not been paid the chain of evidence will be so strong would have shown the insolvency of

Many Offers of Bondsmen.

"Nothing of the kind, to my recollecmaking loads. He had not paid for it. By Vice Chancellor Edwin Robert Walker Brooklyn Bureau; Mrs. Georgie Dickinmany others and deny any criminal in-'Billy" Bartlett, alias Foster, alias Cur- that already he has received numerous

Frank G. Combes, now of Philadelphia, former secretary of the insurance company, who was also indicted yesterday on a similar charge, has entered a denial of guilt.

The perjuries named in the indictment are alleged to have been commit ted in 1904, and the indictments ire said to have been made upon information furnished by Otto Kelsey, super intendent of insurance of New York. This information is based upon a report submitted to the insurance aspartment of the Empire State, sworn to by the president and secretary, which Kelsey claims to be an erroneous one. In that report no mention was made of dividends, amounting to \$29, 000, which were due certain stockhold-Kelsey alleges this amount was due and should have been noted on the

sworn statement. The A.mstrong legislative committee nulsance investigation in New York revealed the fact that the Bankers' Life purporting to show that an impairment of the capital of the company had

The Grand Jury began its inves - -

Now Given for \$20 Penny

HAT ONE-CENT piece *orth \$20 in gold is still missing! Five clews have been given by THE EVENING STAR to its readers and yet in some accountable manner the mysterious and elusive penny still remains in circulation. The five letters marked on the coin having failed to aid in its discover & THE EVENING STAR now supplies the sixth and final latter. It has given the position of the letters R, A, and S on head side of the copper piece, and of the letters H and O on the reverse side. Today it tells of the location of the lefter T which is clearly marked near the bottom of the reverse side of the coin.

Thousands are searching; for the penny, scores and scores have thought the coin was in their individual possessiononly to be mistaken. Have YOU looked for it? If not, why not? But, of course, is a penny that is interchangeable at the offices of THE EVENING STAR for a shining golden eagle affords no interest to you, don't search for it. If you feel so inclined, you are one of a rapidly increasing minority in Newark.

The relative positions of the markings are displayed below:





Somewhere in Newark or its environs that missing penny is in circulation. Being a penny, it may have gone for the purchase of a comic valentine. It's a great joke on the buyer if that \$20 penny got a way from him.

Vigitance May Mean a New Bonnet or Season Ball Ticket. One Tip: Watch, Look, Search. Don't Let it Escape You!

SEVEN ARE HURT WHEN CARS MEET IN A THICK FOG

Motorman Michael Egan's Injuries Will Probably Prove Fatal.

caused severe injuries to six and perhaps fatal injuries to the motorman of one of the cars. The two cars met on the bridge of the New Jersey and New JERSEY COMMUTERS ARE York Railroad.

The injured are: Michael Egan, motorman, of Hackensack; body crushed badly and both legs Ferries Half an Hour or More Fred Ritter, of Hackensack, cat by

Falvalori Boni, head and face cut by John Kausholdt, of Lodi, face and body eut.

body cut and scratched.

-Saplin, motorman, knees in-

jured, brulsed. The accident is supposed to have the car bound west for Newark. It There were cases of even greater deeast-bound car on the bridge.

The injured were taken to the local in getting to business. hospital and their wounds dressed. It ated from the wreck.

TROLLEY COMPAN

Losing Money, Declares Stockholder.

[Special to the Evening Star.] TRENTON, Feb. 14.-On application

stock had been paid up in full. On this Co. The order is returnable at the In the bill filed by Massey it is al-

collision of two trolley cars here today completed. The company has not yet shares; also that he is a creditor, in Jersey at the time of the murder. that he holds \$25,000 worth of bonds of the New York-Philadelphia Company, which is the holding corporation con trolling the Trenton and Camden Com-

> The company was capitalized at \$1,-000,000 at the time of its organization and later increased its capitalization \$750,000, and during 1899 the company issued \$750,000 of gold bonds, which were secured by a mortgage given to the Provident Life and Trust Company, JERSEY CITY, Feb. 14.-Fog made of Philadelphia. In 1901 a further issue the early Jersey commuters sigh this of \$1,750,000 of gold bonds was au-

Short Line Railway Company, and the Camden and Trenton Railway been the result of the fog obscuring Jersey City at 7:10 o'clock, did not made by Massey the new company pany, and according to the allegation the red signal, which should have held reach Manhattan slip until 8 o'clock. pledged its stock of the Camden and pledged its stock of the Camden and the well-known leader of the woman Kelsey alleges that he has information Trenton Company, as well as some of suffragists, and the other delegates of purporting to show that an impairment met and telescoped with a fast-moving lay than this, and travelers by the Eric, the stock of the other two companies, together with 10,000 shares of its own yesterday when they atempted to make been concealed for several years by stock of the par value of \$1,000,000 with a demonstration in the House of Comfalse entries made in the reports su Many of the early Jersey trains were the Guaranty Trust Company of New was some time before Egan was extri- delayed by heavy fog in the Hacken- York to secure an issue of first coi- fo six weeks rather than give sureties lateral 5 per cent. gold bonds.

for their good behavior.